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at; single house; possession given at once.
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W ANTED Washings to do. Mrs. Welch. Corner North and County Streets, w2 WARTED. Woman for general house. work, good cook. Call or address 220 West Main street.

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Horses, good drivers and work horses. Inquire
at W. J. Pheleo's Livery.



CONDITION OF TRADE.

R. G. Dun & Co. Report Business Becidedly Better. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.-R. G. Dun &

Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Business is decidedly better than at any recent date, and the improvement is not confined to activity in holiday goods, although the best reports concern those lines. Continued low temperature not only stimulates retail sales, but jobbers are receiving supple mentary orders for seasonable goods, and collections are more prompt. Building permits issued during November exceeded the same month last year. railway tonnage is heavy, and several manufacturing branches ag starting

This nation's international position was greatly strengthened by foreign commerce results last month, and that the position is being maintained is evidenced by exports for the last week, \$2,148,376 larger than a year ago, from this port alone, while imports decreased

dle machinery.

Liabilities of commercial failure thus reported for December aggregated \$10,121,422, of which \$5,424,204 were in manufacturing, \$3,455,410 in trading and \$1,241,808 in other commercial Failures this week numbered 329 in the United States against 267 last year and in Canada 20 compared with 16 a year ago.

STRANDING OF A WARSHIP.

Commander Said Gull on a Spac Was the Cause of the Trouble.

ESQUIMAULT, B. C., Dec. 19.-At the sitting of the court martial which is trying the officers of the British cruiser Flora, recently stranded in British Columbian waters, the defense began the presentation of testimony. Captain Baker, the commander of

the Flora, and Lieutemant Grant, the pavigating officer, both made statements, in which they denied neglect, and, while admitting the fault might be their own, as an error of judgment had been made, they held that the circumstances were so unfortunate that they were guiltiess of the charge of hazarding and stranding the vessel. They stated that the speed of the erniser was such that by reckoning she should have been past Village Point. A spar was sighted by Captain Baker and others with a sea gull perched on it, which gave the spar, distort ed by the fog, the exact appearance of the Village Point spar, which is surmounted by an Inanimate sea gull.

The result was a miscalculation of the vessel's position and the subsequent stranding of the cruiser. A number of other witnesses gave evidence to this

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Theodore, Ir., and Kernit Roosevelt arrived here from their school at Groton, Mass. They will spend their vacation at the White House, Miss Rooseveit, who is visiting in New York, will return for

Killed by Central Freight.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Patrick Sulfivan, a lineman residing at Schenectedy, was instantly killed by a freight train on the New York Central tracks in this city.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations. Money on call steady at 5% per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Excharges, \$181.318.081; balances, \$5,656.842

sing prices; St. N. Y. Central 1185 Copper 578 Amal. Copper ... Atchison 97% Norf. & West 97% B. & O. 78% Penn. R. R. 117% Brooklyn R. T. 50% Reading 44% C. C., C. & St. L. 70 Rock Island 24% D. & H........ 160% South, Ry. pf. Sugar Texas Pacific Laekawanna....250 Union Pacific Louis, & Nash, 106 U. S. Steel Manhattan 141% U. S. Steel pf... Metropolitan 1214 West Union

New York Markets. New York Markets.

FLOUR-Stendy, but leas active, recepts liberal Minnesota patents, 14,556 4.75; winter straights, 1464-10; winter extras, 1262.5; winter patents, 1464-18.

WHEAT-Firmer on steady cables, very small northwest receipts, covering and war talk; May, 8.3-16655%c, covering and Warten, 1635,c., f. o. b., affoat.

CORN-Dull, but steadler on further commission house demands and the wheat upturn.

OATS-Nominal; track, white state, 41 #45c.; track, white, western, 41@45c. PORK—Quiet; mess, 112.75@13.50; family, 15.76@15.50. LARD—Steady; prime western steam.

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8.50.

BUTTER—Unsettled; extra creamery.

24c; state dairy, 156/22c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, full cream, fancy, small, colored, September, 12c; late made, 10c; small, white, September, 12c; late made, 10c; large, white, September, 12c; late made, 10c; large, white, September, 12c; late made, 10c; large, white, September, 12c; late made, 10c; sarge, white, September, 12c; late made, 10c; state and Pennsylvania seconds to firsts, 30/634c; western firsts, 30/634c; western firsts, 30/634c; RICE—Quiet; domestic, 34/6354c; Japan nominal. TALLOW-Firm; city, 4%c.; country, 4% HAY-Steady; shipping, 60@75c.; good to choice, 850934c.

Live Stock Market. CATTLE Market steady, choice 569
5.10; prime \$4.5094.85; fair, \$393.60; veal
calves \$5.507.

HOGS Market lower; prime heavy and
mediums \$4.6094.65; heavy Yorkers light
Yorkers and pigs \$4.60; roughs \$5.54

FOUR LIVES

In Fire At Nashville, Tenn., Last Night,

TWELVE FATALLY HURT.

Sixty Students Fled For Their Lives and a Fearful Panic Resulted.

Nashville, Dec. 19:- Four persons are known to be killed and perhaps thirty others were injured, twelve of them fatally, in a fire last night which consumed the Central Tennessee College for young negroes and the womens' department of the Walden univer-

It is possible the ruins may contain he bodies of other victims.

The building was occupied by about sixty students who were asleep when the alarm was sent in.

Wildest panic ensued. Women and girls rushed screaming to the windows from which they jumped in droves. The dead and injured are lying in heaps where they fell to be fallen upon by those who followed them from the taming windows.

It is almost certain that some terrorized occupants were overcome by smoke before reaching the windows.

NEW BRIDGE OPENED

Williamsburg Bridge From New York To Brooklyn.

New York, Dec. 19:- The new Wiltie to bind Manhattan and her sister borough of Brooklyn more closely towhich leading officials of the greater city participated.

The opening was attended with great eclat and was witnessed by thousands of people.

William Cullen Bryant was the grand marshal of the day. At the start of the parade a salute of a hundred guns was fired from the batteries at both ends of the bridge

Tonight a fireworks display will be given from the bridge and the streets will also be illuminated by many colored electric lights. Previous to the fireworks, there will be a parade of 200 vessels under the bridge.

A. Dudley Smith was in Troy and Albany . Friday evening.

omorrow for a few days visit. Mrs S. M. Mathers on Division street

Arthur Crawford will come home

is visiting her daughter in Troy.

quite ill for two weeks is slowly im-Mrs E. C. Brown of Webb Street, is

tonsilitis. Miss M. J. Healy will work is substitute for the holidays and A. M.

Downs will act as extra earrier. Mr add Mrs A. F. Laurier will return Monday to their home in Lynn,

Mass, after spending a few days in Reports from Chief of police Dinneen of North Adams, who was shot, received this morning are to the effect

Dr George H. Gilbert of Northampton will supply in the Second Congregational church Sunday morning. He will give a Christmas talk, especially adapted to the children, at the 5 P. M.

that his recovery is deemed certain.

C. L., Davenport from the city of King Thebaw, Burmah will address the Men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. at 4 P. M. Sunday, Dec. 20. Miss Jennie Hatch will sing. All are cordially

ways be cured by using Foley's Kill-Business of importance to oney Cure in time. For whe by B. A. Business of importance to oney Cure in time.

All advertisements for the Evening Banner and notices of change must be at the office the day before they are

Advertisements for the | kly Banner and Reformer and changes of copy must be in the office not later than Tuesday noon of each week and earlier is desirable during the holiday

Frank E. Howe.

BASKET BALL VICTORY.

B. B. B. Defeats Strong Y. M. C. A. Team Of The Bennington Basket Ball team

won from the strong Y. M. C. A. team of Troy in a well played game Friday evening, 26 to 17. It was a fast hard game from start to finish. Both teams played good ball but Troy was completely outclassed. This speaks well for the

local team, as their opponents are

classed among the fastest teams in New York state. There was a little rough play at times but on the whole the game was very clean and sportsmanlike. Casey was easily the star of the B. B. B. team, throwing nearly all of the Bennington baskets. The lineup was as

follows: B. B. B. C. Burt S. Wight D. Casey L. F. J. Miller J. Plumb L. Secor L. G. P. Gokav J. Falle C. Harbour R. G. R. Sheffer Umpire, Fauley; referece. Sheffer. Score: B B, B, 26; Troy, 17. Bas ets from fouls: B. B. B., 2; Troy, 5. The preliminary game was between he B. B. B. 2nd., and the local Y. M. C. A. It was won by the former.

MISS NEW YORK JR.

Score 21 to 11. Umpire, Ayres.

Good Vaudeville and Burlesque For Next Monday Night.

The Pottstown, Pa., News has the following to say of Miss New York Jr., which is to be at the opera house here Monday night:

In "Miss New York, Jr.," which was presented at the Opera House on Saturday night to a large audience, there was plenty of life and go and there ininsburg bridge, the second material | was not a moment when there was not something being done on the stage.

It might be termed a burlesque show, gether was formally opened this after. Were not the vulger features of that noon by appropriate exercises, in class of production cut out, but for all the relation that the piece bore to New York it might have been just as or "Miss Pittsburg, Jr." There were and that he replied he wished to God the usual opening and ending skits and sandwiched in between were some good vaudeville features.

The chorus was younger and prettier than the usual run of chorus ladies who travel with this class of shows.

MAY LOSE SIGHT.

Thomas Coulter of Stamford Had Alcohol Fumes Blown in Eyes.

Thomas Coulter of Stamford met with a serious accident early Friday morning while on duty in the works of the Stamford Chemical company, where he is employed. He was standing near some pipes, which burst or in some way became opened, and the fumes of wood alcohol, which is one of announcement that there was to be no Mrs L. A. Phillips who has been the products of the works, were blown into his eyes, burning them severely.

Dr W. F. McGrath of North Adams was called and reached Coulter's house confined to the house with an attack of and found him suffering terribly. Dr McGrath thinks the chances of

saving his eyesight are very poor. THE WOODFORD FIRE.

S- M. Bowles Lost About \$700 Worth of Books And Papers. The residence of Chas. Bowles was

consumed by fire Friday forenoon, and nearly all the furniture and contents. There is a small insurance. S. M. Bowles had about seven hun-

dred dollars worth of books, records, letters, lists, documents, etc., on which there was no insurance. All burned. Fire was first seen breaking out near the chimney on the roof, and it was impossible to quench it. Within a few minutes the house was in flames. A large amount of vegetables, meat and provisions were burned.

A special town meeting for Shaftsbury has been called for Tuesday, Dec. killing Marcus Rogers if anyone did; A kidney or bladder trouble can al- 22nd at Cole tall in the south village. Perham was his friend and might have or 10 Mr Confully

NO DEFENCE **OFFERED**

Attorneys For Mrs. Rogers Do Not the body to the grave. Put a Witness On the Stand In Her Behalf and Arguments Are Begun.

States Attorney Shakshober Speaks First Followed By hospital for treatment be was unable Daniel A. Guiltinan In Her Defence. The Arguments Will Be Completed Monday and Case Will Go To Jury Monday Afternoon.

the handwriting evidence and succeeded in making a slight impression on Mr Cantwell's testimony in the cross-

He examined the paper found in Mrs Rogers' room and the paper on which the note is written and said that they appeared to him to be the same.

George F. Graves of the first Natonal Bank testified that in his opinion | but advanced no new arguments. the note was not written by Marcus Rogers and that it was written by Mrs

E. E. Larrabee, of the Water Power and Light Co., testified that the night of August 12, 1902 was dark and cloudy sat with her handkerchief over her and that the street lights were turned eyes on after eleven o'clock.

raphic notes of the evidence at the namest took the stand

Mrs Rogers testified at that time that Mrs Philipott had said to her that jury which will probably get the case she told Marcus not to take too much | Monday afternoon or Tuesday mornwell termed "Miss Philadelphia, Jr., of the medicine as it might kill him ing. it would.

Mrs Phillpott was recalled and deto Mrs Rogers.

The prosecution declared its case all

in at 4:23 Friday afternoon. The court then suspended until this

morning. When the court came in this morn ing Mrs Rogers' counsel spent several minutes in conference with her and then called the lawyers for the prose-

At 9:30 the respondent rested without having produced a single witness. It was expected that Mrs Rogers would attempt some kind of a fight and the

defense came as a surprise. At ten o'clock State's Attorney Shakshober began his argument for the conviction of Mrs Rogers for murder in the first degree.

He reviewed the circumstances of the case and based his argument largely upon the testimony of Leon Perham, although he dwelt at length upon the evidence as to the insurance book, the note pinned to the hat and the testimony of the Perham family and of Morris Knapp.

He held up the note and the writing of Marcus Rogers side by side and asked the jury what their common sense would tell them of its authorship even if there were not one bit of expert testimony.

He claimed that the state had proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Mrs Rogers murdered her husband on the night of Aug. 12, 1902. D. A. Guiltinan's argument in de-

fense of Mrs Rogers came as a surprise to many. Whatever of inconsistency is in the state's was striking-In part of his talk he took the ground that Knapp had a motive for

The defense made a strong fight on | Perham, saying that he came upon the stand under an assurance of immun-

> Morris Knapp was characterized as the blackest scoundrel that ever came opon this witness stand. The defense was excellent when the

weakness of its foundation is consid-The respondent counsel attempted to refute the state's claims The inconsistencies in the case are

on different lines and in setting these forth, the defense is obliged to admit much that is important, During the argument Mrs Rogers

Court suspended at noon until Mon-Mrs Bessie Gokay who took steno- day afternoon when the arguments of Mr Archibald and Mr Barber will b

heard. Judge Watson will then charge the

ROBBED IN TROY.

nied having said anything of this kind | James Conway of Manchester Claims That He Was Robbed of \$10.

James Conway giving Manchester as his home, notified the Troy police Friday morning that he had been robbed of about \$19, all the money he had, in a well knows house in that city.

According to his story, he had a varied experience in two cities. He reached Troy Wednesday afternoon, cution to the bench to talk with Judge and visited several saloons. He finally reached the Waverly, where he said he became intoxicated, "all in a heap," and went to sleep in a chair. When he awoke Thursday he found himself in the Watervliet police sta tion, without any money. To add to his troubles, before his release he was called upon to undergo an operation for vaccination.

Returning to Troy he made an effort to find his money. The proprietor of the house told him that a man who claimed to be his friend took the money ashe said for safe keeping, and took him away from the house. Conway said that if he did not find his money he would have to count the railroad ties before he could get home.

One Hundred Dollars a Box

is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summer ton, S. C., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says, "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doc-tors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of w tch bazel with antiseptics and emoliseots; relieves and permanently curss blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by

Boy's Life Saved From Membranene Croup.

C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes, "My little boy had a severe attack of membran-

LAST SAD RITES.

Funeral of The Late E. A. Rice Held Thursday

The funeral of E. Alvah Rice was held at his late residence on the Shaftsbury Road at one o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev G. L. Richardson of Glens Falls officiating, followed by few well chosen remarks by the Rev. Warren Morse in which he paid fitting bute to his sterling qualities and the christian fortitude with which the deceased bore his sufferings.

Mrs Morse sang two beautiful hymns in a very feeling manner. Interment was made at Hindsdellville cemetery. The Rev Philip Schuyler committing

The house was filled with the relatves and friends which testified to the high esteem with which the deceased was held in the community in which he had always lived.

The deceased was the eldest son of the late Edward Rice and was born in Bennington May 14 1853, died Dec 15 of cancer of the bowels from which he was a constant sufferer for nearly two years. Although being able to be about the farm and manage it until this fall when he went to St Lukes

He leaves a wife and four children one son and three daughters, and is survived by his mother, two brothers and two sisters. He was a member of St Peters church having united with it early in life. He had held several town offices having been Justice of Peace for several years also lister

He was devoted to his family who in his death lose a kind husband and a loving father. The family have the sympathy of his many friends.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

Program of the Methodist Church Exercises

Sunday Afternoon. The annual concert of the Methodist Sunday School will be held in the church Sunday December 20th at 5 p.

m. All are cordially invited. Program Organ Voluntary Mrs A. W

Varney. Manger Hymn Kindergarten and Primary Departments. Anthem Prayer Pastor.

"At Eventide it shall be Trio light," Responsive Reading No. 1. Cradle Song

Miss Potters' "Come With Rejoicing" School.

"A Christmas Story" Miss Annie M. Dakin. Female Quartette "The Shepherds

Nativity Hymn." Dialogue Geraldine and Francillia Evans.

Offeratory. "Sing On" School. Responsive Reading No. 2 Dialogue Kenneth Fauley, Ray-

mond Thompson and Floyd Barett. Sextette 'List the Cherubic

Host." Reading, "A Christmas Experlence" Miss Nelle Newton "Victory" School. Benediction; Organ, Mrs Varney;

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ous croup, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar. He got relief after one dose and I feel Cotto Caliny L. H.